for bypasses at Jaipur and Mahuwa is in process of being acquired by the State Government. Construction of these bypasses can be taken up only after the full land is in possession. Land acquisition for Udaipur byepass has been completed very recently, and detailed project for this byepass to be constructed in stages is being prepared by the PWD.

[*English*]

Berths at Cochin Port

3894. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of berths in Cochin at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct any additional berths at Cochin Port;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In Cochin Port, there are 13 berths, viz., one fertilizer berth, three tanker berths, seven general cargo berths and two coal berths.

(b) One container berth is already under execution and is nearing completion.

(c) and (d). The project relating to provision of one container berth with full fledged container handling facilities is estimated to cost Rs. 53.11 crores. This is an A.D.B. assisted project. Most of the contracts relating to this project have since been completed and the expected date of completion is May, 1992.

[*Translation*]

Utilisations of Powerloom Capacity.

3895. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 50 percent of the installed capacity of powerloom is utilised at present;

(b) if so, the reasons for not utilising its full capacity;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any concrete steps to encourage it in view of the possibility of the expansion of this industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason for not utilising the capacity is the high rise in yarn prices, power cut, non-availability of working capital loans etc.

(c) and (d). Government is aware of various issues pertaining to the powerloom sector and has initiated action to upgrade the quality of fabric produced in powerlooms through modernisation of looms, training, etc.

(e) Does not arise.